

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending and all claims are rejected.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. 5,436,684 to Hirasawa (“Hirasawa”) in view of newly cited U.S. 5,883,666 (“Kyuma”). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 is directed to an arrangement which includes, in part, a selection member configured for a user to select a mode from a plurality of modes, each mode having set conditions that correspond to the preset drive information. As further claimed, one of the plurality of modes includes set conditions that set the drive speed of a first optical adjusting member of the plurality of optical adjusting members to a preset speed and set the drive speed of a second optical adjusting member to a speed calculated from the drive speed of the first optical adjusting member such that the drive of the first and second optical adjusting members to the preset positions stored in the memory are substantially simultaneously completed.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, Hirasawa does not disclose the above-noted claimed aspects of claim 1. The Examiner alleges that such aspects are taught by Kyuma. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Kyuma as relied upon by the Examiner shows a video camera that employs a plurality of lookup tables (LUTs) (e.g., 19a, 19b, 19c) which store various types of data for the exposure control (e.g., control parameters for iris, shutter speed and gain) for various photographing modes. As such, the exposure of the camera can be controlled according to a

photographing mode using associated information in the LUTs. Examples of such control is described in Kyuma on col. 8, line 2 through col. 9, line 27. Kyuma is however silent as to (1) any calculation of a speed for a second optical adjusting member based on the drive speed of the first optical adjusting member or (2) the setting of the speed of the second optical adjusting member such that the drive of the first and second optical adjusting members (to the preset positions in memory) are substantially simultaneously completed. The Office Action does not address these aspects with reasonable particularity.

Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of these amendments.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION


The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 504827, Order No. 1232-5356.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 504827, Order No. 1232-5356.

Respectfully submitted,
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